Terms of Use

Effective Date: September 18, 2023

, on one hand, and Business Certification Inc. (collectively, , on the other hand, as the operators of www.usgbc.org, or www.gbci.org, arcskoru.com. true.gbci.org, peeronline.gbci.org, leedonline.com, sitesonline.usgbc.org, cityclimateplanner.org, greenhomeguide.com, accountstools.usgbc.org/login, api.usgbc.org, login.usgbc.org, and accounts.usgbc.org, including the mobile versions and any related mobile applications and any services, content, and links available through the foregoing s, and any additional sites we have now or in the future. If you are accessing the Sites on behalf of an organization, you represent and warrant that you are authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of that organization. You acknowledge and agree that USGBC, GBCI, and each of their respective subsidiaries are each separate legal entities and that you are entering into this Agreement with each such entity.

This Agreement incorporates by reference our <u>Privacy Policy</u>, our <u>Cookies Statement</u>, with respect to user accounts and the user platforms accessible via your Account User Platforms , our <u>End User License Agreement</u>, and any other terms and conditions we post directly on other areas of the Sites or User Platforms, each as amended from time to time. Please read the Privacy Policy, Cookies Statement, EULA, and this Agreement carefully.

BY ACCESSING OR OTHERWISE USING THE SITES OR USER PLATFORMS, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY AND COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT. IF YOU DO NOT ACCEPT THESE TERMS, YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ACCESS OR USE THE SITES OR USER PLATFORMS.

You must be over 16 to access and use our Sites and User Platforms. If you are over 16, you agree to take full and active responsibility to prevent the use of our Sites and User Platforms by any children under 16 you may be responsible for. If you are under 16, you may not access or use our Sites or User Platforms without your parent's or legal guardian's supervision.

We may update or change the Terms from time to time, at our sole discretion, with or without notice to you. We may also update, modify or replace the Sites or User Platforms, and we reserve the right to discontinue offering access to the Sites or User Platforms. Your continued use of any part of the Sites or User Platforms constitutes acceptance of such change. Although we may endeavor to notify you when major changes are made to the Terms, you should periodically review the most up-to-date version prior to using the Sites or User Platforms. If you do not agree to any modifications of these Terms, you must not continue to use the Sites or User Platforms.

1. <u>License Use and Restrictions</u>.

a. <u>License to Sites</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, we hereby grant to you the non-transferable, non-sublicensable, nonexclusive, royalty-free, limited license to access and use the Sites, without any right to re-license, sublicense, distribute, assign or transfer such rights.

In exchange, you agree that you will not, and will not facilitate, authorize, or permit any other party to:

- i. attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Sites, the server(s) on which the Sites are stored or any server, computer or database connected to the Sites;
- ii. copy or duplicate, in whole or in substantial part, the Sites, including by web scraping, text or data
 - other automated device, program, tool, algorithm, code, process or methodology;
- iii. distribute, transmit, publish, transfer, sell or exploit in any way the Sites, in whole or in part, or cause others to do so;
- iv. reverse engineer, decompile or modify the Sites, in whole or in part;
- v. use the Sites or any information contained therein or results derived therefrom to develop any products or services that could be competitive with the Sites or any other products or services provided by us;

vi.

for any reason, you agree to immediately stop using the Sites and/or User Platforms, as applicable.

2. <u>Proprietary Rights</u>. All information, data, graphics, photographs, format, design and other content on the Sites or in the User Platforms

and interface of the Sites and User Platforms are protected by copyright law and other intellectual property laws, and are owned by or licensed to us or our

AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

WE ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR ANY LOST DATA, ERROR, OMISSION, INTERRUPTION, DELETION, DEFECT, DELAY IN OPERATION OR TRANSMISSION, THEFT, DESTRUCTION OR UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO OR ALTERATION OF ANY CONTENT OR USER COMMUNICATION. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OR LIABLE FOR ANY PROBLEMS OR TECHNICAL MALFUNCTION OF ANY NETWORK, COMPUTER ONLINE SYSTEM, SERVER OR PROVIDER, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, MOBILE DEVICE, SOFTWARE, OR FAILURE OF EMAIL DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OR TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON THE INTERNET, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, INJURY OR DAMAGE TO ANY COMPUTER OR MOBILE DEVICE ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO USE OF THE SITES, THE USER PLATFORMS, OR USER CONTENT.

If applicable law in your jurisdiction limits or prohibits application of some or all of the above limitations on liability, those provisions should be interpreted to limit our liability to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

8. <u>One-Year Limit</u>. You agree that, regardless of any contrary statute or law, any claim or cause of action arising out of or related to use of the Sites or User Platforms or these Terms, or alleged to arise out of or to be related to use of the Sites or User Platforms or these Terms, must be filed within one (1) year after such claim or cause of action arose, or be forever barred.

9. <u>Indemnification</u>. You agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend (only if requested) us and our directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives al 12 reW*hBT/F2 0.60001 reft0.00

11. <u>Your Comments and Feedback</u>. With respect to any comments, suggestions, ideas for improvement, or other feedback you provide to us relating to the Sites or User Platforms

waive any objection to venue in, the courts in the District of Columbia with respect to any dispute, disagreement or cause of action arising out of or related to the Sites or the User Platforms. YOU HEREBY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN CONNECTION WITH ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

16. <u>Location</u>. The Sites and User Platforms originate from the District of Columbia in the United States. Therefore,

unenforceable for any reason, such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision shall be modified, if possible, to lawfully effect the intent of the parties and shall not affect the existence or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

Please direct any questions or comments concerning these Terms to legal@usgbc.org.